

MONROE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MAY 26, 2015
(Approved March 10, 2016)

Marathon Government Center
BOCC Meeting Room
2798 Overseas Highway
Marathon, Florida

9:00AM

Board Members Present:
Michael Ingram, Chair
Bob Johnson, Vice Chair
David Paul Horan
Steve Torrence
David Manz, Secretary

Staff Present:
Tina Boan, Budget Director
Laura deLoach-Hartle, Grants Administrator

County Commissioners Present:
Commissioner Sylvia Murphy

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by Michael Ingram. Bob Johnson led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Human Service Advisory Board (HSAB) members introduced themselves with there being no affiliations with applicant organizations. Staff introductions were also made.

Motion was made by S.Torrence to approve the March 02, 2015 minutes from the last meeting. D.P. Horan seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

B. Johnson acknowledged Commissioner Murphy's work with the HSAB and her efforts in supporting and securing an increase from the Board of County Commissioners for the FY16 funding cycle and the Board thanked her for her efforts.

Before hearing from the applicants the Board stressed they were interested to hear of any changes in the organizations since the applications were submitted. Based on the order the applications were received each applicant was given an opportunity to address the Board as noted below.

Florida Keys Outreach Coalition: Stephanie Kaple provided an update and indicated Peacock Supportive Living was doing well.

Literacy Volunteer of America: Perry Fowler provided an update including their focus on the Upper Keys. Victor, a beneficiary of the program provided a testimonial of the success of the program.

Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens: Diana Flenard discussed funding impacts and measures they had taken to reduce costs.

Domestic Abuse Shelter: Venita Garvin indicated there had been no changes.

Grace Jones Community Day Care Center: C.J. Geotis indicated they had likewise had no changes.

Star of the Sea Foundation: Tom Callahan provided a brief overview including pantry, kids meals and the status of USDA food.

Florida Keys AHEC: indicated there were no changes and mentioned the primary care clinics.

Keys to Be the Change: Heidi Golightly gave an overview and discussed the need for a Middle Keys Prevention Coordinator.

Samuel's House: Elmira Leto updated their services and the need for funding.

Kids Come First in the Florida Keys: Katrina Waitt and Roxanne Posada stated there had been no changes.

Florida Keys Children's Shelter: Ben Kemmer, Bill Mann and David Bley representing their agency addressed the Board. They answered questions from the Board regarding their operations and organizational structure.

Anchors Aweigh: discussed their growth including adding one meeting a week where childcare would be provided.

Boys and Girls Club: Dan Dombroski provided an update of their services including their facility challenges.

Independence Cay: Marjorie Roberts stated their service numbers had increased over the prior year.

KAIR: Marjorie Roberts discussed the two lots KAIR owns and their future capital plans.

The meeting paused for a break and resumed at 10:37AM with the applicants addressing the Board as noted below.

Guidance/Care Center-The Heron: Marianne Benvenuti indicated there were no changes to the application.

AIDS Help: Scott Pridgen discussed a Community Based RN to provide services not only to housing residents but also to the community.

Voices for Florida Keys Children: Debbie Pierog, the president of the organization, addressed the Board to provide information on their history and services and this request for funds to cover operating expenses of their foster home.

Hospice of the Florida Keys: Steve Erjavec indicated there were no changes.

Southernmost Homeless Assistance League: John Miller, Interim Executive Director, updated the Board on organizational changes and current request for funding for relocation and transportation and housing.

Burton Memorial: Kerry Foote addressed their application.

Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition: Arianna Nesbitt indicated they were seeing more pregnant women in the Marathon area. Provided an update on funding and service providers.

Wesley House: Brian Green, Beth Barrett and Greg Wheeler represented their agency to the Board. B. Green provided an organizational update.

Good Health Clinic: Kate Banick provided an update on the clinic staff and a need to increase staff.

Heart of the Keys Recreation Assoc.: they were unable to attend the meeting and notified staff prior to the meeting.

Womankind: Kim Romano addressed the Board and answered questions.

Rural Health Network: Daniel Smith provided service figures for both the dental and medical programs and addressed issues regarding securing an obstetrics and gynecological physician. The Board had several questions regarding the Qualified Health Center grant and the Federal Torts Claims Act.

The Board proceeded to discuss the various funding requests. Discussion then began on the funding allocations. B. Johnson provided his list of recommendations. D.P. Horan made funding suggestions. Further discussion ensued identifying those applicants which they agreed upon. Those applicants remaining were reviewed individually. A video recording of the meeting is available at the Monroe County website under MCTV Video On Demand at the following link:

<http://view.liveindexer.com/ViewCalendar.aspx?siteSKU=qoO9%2b8C6gRWyzzr1siMncQ%3d%3d#>

Discussion ended with the following final recommendations which staff read into the record:

<u>Applicants</u>	<u>Recommended Amount</u>
FL Keys Outreach Coalition	\$70,000
Literacy Volunteers of America	\$30,000
Monroe Association of Remarkable Citizens (MARC)	\$169,500
Domestic Abuse Shelter	\$30,000
Grace Jones Community Day Care Center	\$45,000
Star of the Sea Foundation	\$80,000
Florida Keys AHEC	\$50,000
Keys to Be the Change	\$60,000
Samuel's House	\$100,000
Kids Come First in the Florida Keys	\$33,000
Florida Keys Children's Shelter	\$189,000
Anchors Aweigh	\$20,000
Boys and Girls Club	\$99,000
Independence Cay	\$30,000
Keys Area Interdenominational Resources	\$30,000
Guidance Care Center-The Heron	\$47,000
AIDS Help	\$45,000
Voices for Florida Keys Children	\$5,000
Hospice of the Florida Keys	\$141,000
Southernmost Homeless Assistance League	\$50,000
Burton Memorial	\$10,000
Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition	\$33,000
Wesley House	\$170,958
Good Health Clinic	\$83,500
Heart of the Keys Recreation Association	\$40,000
Womankind	\$130,000
Rural Health Network	\$136,902
Total	\$1,927,860

Motion was made by B. Johnson to accept the final recommendations with the notation Rural Health Network's funding will be specific to the dental program. S. Torrence seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board discussed requests for category changes and new applicant designation requests. Discussion followed regarding the requests. Kids Come First in the Florida Keys requested a change from Quality of Life Services designation to Core Services. S. Torrence motioned to accept the change requested; D. Manz seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Keys to Be the Change requested a designation of Quality of Life Services. S. Torrence motioned to accept the designation requested with a second by B. Johnson and the motion was approved. Motion was made by S. Torrence to place new applicant, Voices for Florida Keys Children, into the Quality of Life Services category. D. Manz seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:02pm.